

US Forest Service

UPDATES, NOVEMBER 2017

New Secretary of Agriculture- Sonny Purdue



- USDA will be facts-based and data-driven, with a decision-making mindset that is customer-focused
- Improve the effectiveness of USDA efforts to meet the needs of agricultural and forest managers and demonstrate increased accountability to the American taxpayer.

New Chief of the Forest Service

Tony Tooke, previously Regional
Forester for Southern Region



Over Snow Vehicle Use Planning Update

- Work is progressing and in compliance with the terms of the settlement agreement and subsequent agreements
- The Eldorado NF is doing their own environmental analysis versus working with Enterprise, but still subject to deadlines
- Minimization criteria template and documentation process has been developed and is in use

Lassen	Tahoe	Eldorado	Stanislaus	Plumas
DEIS released to public	Preferred Alt. selected		Alternatives Under develop.	Getting data together
Alternatives finalized end of Dec.	DEIS ready for RO review end of Dec.		Minimization Criteria complete	

Ranger Ride

Opportunity to meet Public
Service Director, Jim Bacon

Jim



Environmental Analysis & Decision-Making

- Changes coming to improve policy, culture and practice around environmental analysis and decision-making
- An agency-wide focus on how we engage in project design, regulatory compliance and public engagement to get more work done on the ground
- Reform will reduce timeframes and costs associated with our environmental analysis and decision making and increase the acres or projects authorized by these decisions